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REMARKS

In this Office Action, Claims 1-14 stand rejected in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,388,689 issued to Hayman. No claims are added, canceled, or amended herein. Accordingly, Claims 1-14 remain pending for consideration.


Applicant thanks Examiners Khattar and Kramer for the telephone interview conducted on May 7, 2007. During the interview, it was agreed that at least Claim 3 should not have been rejected in the Office Action based upon Hayman. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the finality of the Office Action be withdrawn. Further, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited. If further issues remain to be resolved, the Applicants' undersigned attorney of record hereby formally requests a personal interview with the Examiner. The Applicant's attorney can be reached at (949) 721-7623 or at the number listed below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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